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In re Application of

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INTRACELLULAR DISEASES**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Communication dated January 3, 2003 having a one-month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed and no fee is due.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend claims 23 and 25 as follows:

23. (Twice Amended) The composition according to claim 14, wherein said gene delivery vehicle is a recombinant retrovirus.

25. (Twice Amended) The composition of claim 14, wherein the gene delivery vehicle comprises naked DNA.